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OXLEY INVITES STUDENTS TO PAGE IN 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Dennie Oxley (D-English) today encouraged local students with an interest in government to serve as legislative pages during the 2006 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

"The Indiana House Page Program, which is available to any student who is 13 years of age or older, offers a perfect chance for young people to see state government in action," Oxley said. "The program enables students to come to Indianapolis between January and mid-March to tour the Statehouse, watch the legislative process and have photos taken with their state representatives."

Students who serve as pages receive an excused absence from school. Pages are responsible for their own transportation to and from Indianapolis.

"The best days to serve as pages are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays," Oxley noted. "You should know that there are no pages on Fridays, since the Legislature generally doesn't meet on those days."

"During their visit to the Statehouse, students will visit the governor's office, the Indiana Supreme Court, and the chambers of the Indiana House and Senate," he continued. "Depending on the day that they page, they also can see their state representatives debate and vote on issues under consideration on the House floor."

Pages can apply in one of several ways:

– **Calling Oxley's legislative office through the toll-free Statehouse number of 1-800-382-9842;**

– **E-mailing Oxley through his Internet Web site at www.IN.gov/H73; or**

– **Writing to him in care of the Indiana House of Representatives, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

"If you do apply to become a page, please include your name, home address, telephone number and e-mail address," Oxley said. "We will get in touch with you to provide more information for the 2006 session. Please apply now, and I look forward to seeing you in 2006."

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